(c) when the name of a tribe/caste gets deleted from the list; and

(d) whether there is any provision for inter-transfer of the schedules ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) Lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of different States and UTs are contained in the Manual of Election Law brought out by the Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs.

(b) The criteria for identification of Scheduled Tribes are : indications of primitive traits; distinctive culture; geographical isolation; shyness of contact with the community at large; and backwardness.

(c) When the concerned State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for SCs and STs come to the conclusion that a particular Scheduled Tribe or Scheduled Caste no longer suffer from the prescribed criteria, then name of that tribe/caste can be deleted by an Act of Parliment as laid down in Clause (2) of Articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution of India.

(d) There in no provision for inter-transfer of the Schedules.

Starvation Deaths of Tribals in Maharashtra, Kerala and Rajasthan

2251. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any action against the reported starvation deaths of tribals in Maharashtra, Kerala and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure more employment, to the tribals ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) and (b) This Ministry provides grant to the State Governments under the Scheme of Village Grain Banks, which was launched in 1996-97 in selected areas out of the areas identified by Central Planning Committee (CPC) for preventive measures against death of tribal people by providing a safeguard against fall in nutritional standards. The list is indicative and not exhaustive. Under the Scheme, funds are released to State Governments through Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED). The details are :

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	Year	No. of Grain Banks to be established	Amount released
Rajasthan	1996-97	25	16.00
	1997-98	8	01.49
Kerala	1996-97	2	01.28
	1997-98	3	01.92
	2000-01	3	10.16
Maharashtra	1997-98	30	19.20
	2001-02	154	83.18
GRAND TOTAL		225	133.23

(c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has a scheme for establishment of Vocational Training Centres to impart training to the tribal entrepreneurs in a number of trades such as computer training, typing and shorthand, tailoring, embroidery, coconut coir making, agarbati making, dari weaving and handloom etc. The entire expenditure of the Scheme is borne by the Central Government and is operated through out the country both by the State Governments as well as Non Governmental Sector. In addition, Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan primarily aims at implementation of income generating schemes which create employment and the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation provides soft loans for self-employment to the tribal youth for entrepreneurial ventures like auto-rickshaw, book-binding, poultry, pig rearing etc.

Tribal families listed below and above the Poverty Line in Madhya Pradesh

2252. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total population of Scheduled Tribes in the State of Madhya Pradesh according to Census conducted in 1981 and 1991;

(b) the total number of families of Scheduled Tribes in both the Census;

(c) how many Scheduled Tribe families in the State of Madhya Pradesh have been assisted upto 31st March, 2001 and brought above the poverty line under poverty alleviation schemes/programmes; and